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ABSTRACT

The Bernard van Leer Foundation, now headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands, was established as a philanthropic institution in 1949. This book examines the range and complexity of the foundation's work on behalf of young disadvantaged children, and illustrates the unique character of the foundation. The book, which consists of 11 chapters, discusses the operation of the foundation from 1965 to 1986. Chapter 1 presents introductory information about the foundation. Chapter 2 discusses organizational questions that relate to specific projects, such as determining target groups and sponsoring agencies. Based on analyses of foundation documents, chapter 3 considers the implications of decisions of the foundation's trustees for project development in the 1980s. Chapters 4 through 6 present demographic data on the geographic location of foundation projects, characteristics of target populations served by projects, and the nature of institutions which receive grants to sponsor projects. Patterns that are revealed by the data examined in these three chapters are identified in chapter 7. Chapter 8 discusses the development of organizational structures in which individual projects operate. Chapter 9 profiles more than 2 dozen projects in 19 countries. The efforts of the foundation to support networking among individuals involved in the foundation's projects and to support project work generally are described in Chapter 10. These efforts included a series of eight seminars held around the world between 1971 and 1986; a series of workshops that focused on specific problems encountered by projects; visits from headquarters personnel to local projects; and the publication of documents and newsletters. Chapter 11 summarizes the book and recapitulates the characteristics of the foundation. A bibliography of more than 270 books, articles, and foundation documents is appended. (BC)